

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0366

DEPT PASS OAU ADDRESSEES AS DESIRED

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AORG, OAU  
SUBJ: INTERNAL OAU POLITICS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0155

OAU BUDGETARY MEETING FINALLY CONCLUDED JAN 18, EXCEEDING  
SCHEDULED CLOSURE BY 12 DAYS. MAJOR CAUSE FOR DELAY WAS  
INTENSE IN-FIGHTING BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE SEC GEN ETEKI  
(CAMEROON) AND ASST SEC GEN KAMANDA (ZAIRE) FACTIONS.  
INTERNAL OAU FINANCIAL AUDIT REVEALED THAT DISBURSING OF-  
FICER IN REFUGEE AFFAIRS BUREAU, WHICH DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE  
TO ETEKI, HAD BEEN EMBEZZLING FUNDS FOR SEVERAL YEARS USING  
COMPLICATED FORGERIES INVOLVING ETEKI'S SIGNATURE AND THOSE  
OF OTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS IN ETEKI'S PURVIEW. KAMANDA  
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FACTION HAS ATTEMPTED TO PROVE ETEKI NEGLIGENT IF NOT ACT-  
UALLY IMPLICATED, DESPITE INDEPENDENT PRELIMINARY REPORT AB-  
SOLVING ETEKI AND PLACING FULL BLAME ON REFUGEE AFFAIRS OF-  
FICER. KAMANDA AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE TRYING TO MAKE EMBEZZLE-  
MENT CASE POLITICAL ISSUE IN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT ETEKI BEFORE  
ADMINSEC GEN ELECTIONS AT JULY OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM. AT  
LEAST SOME OAU OBSERVERS BELIEVE ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S

INFLUENCE IS NOT FAR REMOVED FROM INFIGHTING AND THAT KAMANDA  
REPORTS FAITHFULLY TO HIS PRESIDENT. THERE EXISTS PROSPECT  
OF ANOTHER BLODDY OAU ELECTION IN JULY SIMILAR TO ONE WHICH  
BROUGHT ETEKI SECRETARY GENERALSHIP IN 1974.  
MATHERON

NOTE BY OC/T: ADDIS ABABA 366 NOT PASSED OAU ADDRESSEES.

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